

necessity for such inter-county equalization and for the purposes of advising the State Board of Equalization and Assessment the Tax Commissioner shall employ the valuation factors in Chapter 77-112 where applicable as well as the sales assessment ratio study. In those counties or jurisdictions where the number of valid or bonified sales of real estate are not considered sufficient to furnish conclusive evidence as the ratio of assessed values to sales values the Tax Commissioner shall have the authority to conduct and use an appraisal to determine sales assessment ratio". I think we're trying to build into the statutes something that is already here. I think Senator DeCamp's amendment is adequate. I think we should move on from this point and adopt it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Keyes, is he still in the.... Senator, there is no question. I want you to know that the people that I represent have rights and had rights when this was being discussed and when the County Assessor came through. You know we had an appearance before the Board of Equalization, and what happened? In the final analysis, Senator, some of the people had their property raised as high as 300 percent. I think that is totally unfair. Again, I think we would have been much better off, Senator Keyes, if the Assessor would have gone out county-wide. It wouldn't have been 300 percent, Senator, for the people that I represent. It would have been more like five to ten percent. That is something that the people that I represent, they could have tolerated that kind of an increase. Not 300 percent, Senator. As a matter of fact, in today's paper you'll notice where 100 people have left South Omaha simply because they could not afford that 300 percent increase that was assessed to them by the County Assessor last year. So, Senator, I'm not sure if I understood your comments earlier.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Frank Lewis. Senator Kahle. So many times we've reached the point for closing then we get two or three lights come on. Now about five times we've reached the point for close. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to make it short. There is no easy way to get everybody up to an equal amount of tax value on their property. I don't care how you do it. We talked about putting it on computer. You're not going to get it with a computer either. You have to feed in the figures. That is the process we're trying to do with 131. We're trying to...I'll say the word force because that is what we're wanting to do, force counties and subdivisions of government to get their appraisal up to where it belongs, all at one time. That is where the problem is with Senator Venditte. Part of the town went up, part of it didn't. I don't know whether this is going to do it, but I believe it's a step in the right direction. I don't know how you're going to do it any other way. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator DeCamp, we're ready for a close. Senator DeCamp, you want to use the microphone back there, or do you want to come back? We're ready for a close on your motion.